

**ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING ON JANUARY 27, 2014**

The Antietam School Board met in regular session on Monday, January 27, 2014 in the district office conference room. Mr. Walter Saylor, vice president, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance. He asked if there were any corrections to the agenda. None were noted.

The following members were present:

Chris Faro	Larry O'Boyle
John Fielding	Walter Saylor
Kristin Kerchner	Ann Sellers
Julia Kleiman-Baer	Judith Swartz

Absent: David B. Stauffer

Also present:

Larry W. Mayes	- Superintendent
Tracy Detwiler	- Business Manager
Felice Stern	- Secondary principal
Shirley Feyers	- Elementary Principal
Amy Spina	- Supervisor of Special Education
Brian Boland	- Solicitor
Pam Janda	- Board Secretary

Mrs. Kathy Fegely and Ms. Alanna Vind, teachers of the Antietam School District, presented a petition to the Board that had been signed by every teacher in the district, encouraging the Board to come to an agreement on a fair and reasonable contract for the teachers of the District, who have been working under an expired contract since July 1, 2013.

Dr. Mayes commended Kyle Schaeffer and his staff for all their hard work throughout all the winter weather we've been experiencing. They are doing a great job. He also recognized Chance Reese-Orth, a 12<sup>th</sup> grade BCTC student in the Auto Technology program, for his 1<sup>st</sup> place award at the Skills USA competition. Chance will now compete at the state competition in Hershey from April 9-11<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Mayes also recognized advisor Kathy Fegely and the Academic Challenge team, who beat Muhlenberg and Governor Mifflin on January 27<sup>th</sup> at their competition.

As there was no student representative at the meeting, Dr. Mayes was asked to inform the Board that Student Council is promoting positives this week with different activities planned each day. Dr. Mayes also mentioned that the Y-Teens collected \$376 and donated it to Unicef. He reminded everyone that our students are doing great things out in the community!

Mr. Saylor noted that the minutes of the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting had been distributed and asked if there were any corrections. None were noted. A poll of the Board by a voice vote resulted in the minutes being approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Mrs. Swartz reported year-to-date revenue of \$11,014,617.47; year-to-date expenditures of \$6,352,223.33, leaving a balance (unaudited) of \$9,683,571.77, and cash and investments as of December 31, 2013 of \$10,030,327.39.

Mrs. Swartz moved, seconded by Mrs. Kerchner, to approve the Treasurer’s Report, petty cash activity reports, and Cash and Investments as of December 31, 2013, and payment of bills for January 2014, as presented.

**A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:**

Yes 8 Mmes. Kerchner, Kleiman-Baer, Sellers, and Swartz; Messrs. Faro, Fielding, O’Boyle, and Saylor

**Motion carried.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Swartz moved, seconded by Mr. Faro, to approve the 2014-2015 preliminary general fund budget in the amount of \$16,625,756.

Approve the filing of a Request for Referendum Exception with the PA Department of Education for each exception for which the District qualifies.

Ratify Amendment #2 to the District Cafeteria Benefit Plan, effective January 1, 2014, as presented.

Ratify the Resolution for the District Cafeteria Benefit Plan, effective January 1, 2014, as presented.

Accept a \$500 donation from AEM Architects designated for a one-time scholarship to a graduating member of 2014 with the criteria as presented.

**A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:**

Yes 8 Mmes. Kerchner, Kleiman-Baer, Sellers, and Swartz; Messrs. Faro, Fielding, O’Boyle, and Saylor

**Motion carried.**

Mrs. Swartz moved, seconded by Mr. Faro, to exonerate Fulton Bank from collecting 2013 real estate taxes from Lower Alsace Township and Mt. Penn Borough, and approve the Antietam School District’s submittal of these taxes as delinquent to Berks County Tax Claim Bureau for collection.

**A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:**

Yes 7 Mmes. Kerchner, Sellers, and Swartz; Messrs. Faro, Fielding, O’Boyle, and Saylor  
Abstain 1 Mrs. Kleiman-Baer

**Motion carried.**

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Kerchner moved, seconded by Mr. Faro, to revise the 2013-2014 calendar to make up snow days from January 3, 21, and 22, 2014 on April 14, 15, and 16, 2014.

Approve the Antietam School District calendar, Draft #1, for the 2014-2015 year, as presented.

Approve the first reading of a revision to Policy No. 622, GASB Statement 34, as presented.

Approve the new residency affidavits for the following students for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year: one student in kindergarten, and one student in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, as presented.

**A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:**

Yes 8 Mmes. Kerchner, Kleiman-Baer, Sellers, and Swartz; Messrs. Faro, Fielding, O’Boyle, and Saylor

**Motion carried.**

**ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

Mr. Faro moved, seconded by Mrs. Swartz, to approve the itinerary for the proposed Ski Club trip to Killington, VT on March 7-9, 2014, at no cost to the district, as presented.

**A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:**

Yes 8 Mmes. Kerchner, Kleiman-Baer, Sellers, and Swartz; Messrs. Faro, Fielding, O’Boyle, and Saylor

**Motion carried.**

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Kleiman-Baer moved, seconded by Mr. Faro, to accept the retirement letter from Marcia Wert, part-time nurse at St. Catharine of Sienna, effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

Approve Abby Salgado, full-time elementary teacher, to receive tenure effective the second semester of the 2013-2014 school year.

Approve the following people to be added to the substitute list for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year:

- Sue Albright – Classroom/Cafeteria
- Jessica Hanley – Elementary K-6
- Courtney Houck – Nurse
- Amy McCoy – English
- Kristin Yeager – Elementary K-6

**A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:**

Yes 8 Mmes. Kerchner, Kleiman-Baer, Sellers and Swartz; Messrs. Faro, Fielding, O'Boyle,  
and Saylor

**Motion carried.**

As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Saylor adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Pamela S. Janda  
Board Secretary